

# County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Los Angeles, California 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

### ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO SOLE SOURCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH L1 IDENTITY SOLUTIONS, INCORPORATED FOR AN EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

This letter provides advance notification to your Board that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) intends to enter into negotiations for a sole source agreement with L1 Identity Solutions, Incorporated (L1). This proposed agreement with L1 will allow for the continued maintenance of the Los Angeles County Regional Identification System (LACRIS) criminal identification livescan fingerprint workstations.

#### **PURPOSE**

The Department is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of criminal livescan equipment that is housed in every police station, sheriff's station, criminal booking facility, the Coroner's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and all but two of the courthouses in Los Angeles County (County).

The County's criminal livescan network is comprised exclusively of L1 (formerly Identix Incorporated) equipment and the system, in its existing configuration, became fully operational in 2005. The network is unique and was designed to meet the specific needs of the County.

The proposed agreement for the maintenance of the criminal livescan equipment shall be for a term of two (2) years with two (2) one-year options to extend.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The County's criminal livescan network is a dynamic system that is designed to incorporate new technology as new generation livescan hardware, software, and processing equipment is introduced. The County's criminal livescan network went through a significant upgrade in 2005 at a cost of \$7.8 million.

The County's network in its current configuration is interfaced with the Automated Jail Information System (a mug shot image management system), the Department's Custody Division Defendant/Inmate Movement Management System, local law enforcement agency record management systems, and the California Department of Justice Automated Fingerprint Identification System. Any changes or modifications to the interfacing systems impacts the configuration of the County's livescan network.

The basic functionality of the criminal livescan devices permits the digital image capture and electronic transmission of fingerprints, palm prints, booking information, and digital booking photos to the central site located at the Department's Records and Identification Bureau. The capture, transmission, storage, and processing of the images and data within the network include highly sophisticated and proprietary functions designed specifically for the County.

#### **SOLE SOURCE JUSTIFICATION**

The hardware and software are proprietary of the vendor and can only be maintained by the vendor. L1 does not license maintenance of its equipment to third parties.

This is the Department's third sole source agreement for the maintenance of the County's livescan equipment. The last sole source agreement was through the Internal Services Department for an equipment and maintenance purchase in 2005. The continued operation of the network, including system enhancements, interface requirement, and new processing requirements necessitates the continued retention of L1 Identity Solutions as the sole source vendor for maintenance of the livescan devices and accessories that are attached to the County's criminal livescan network.

Should additional information be required, your staff may contact Mona Whittouck, Contracts Manager, at (323) 526-5542.

Sincerely,

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